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Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Commissioners Martin, Copps, Adelstein, Taylor Tate, and McDowell:

I am writing in regards to MB Docket No. 07-57 and the proposed merger of Sirius Satellite Radio and XM Satellite Radio. As a graduate student and consumer of almost every electronic media, I consider myself well informed with regard to what is available in the marketplace as well as their relative costs, as I am a fairly price sensitive consumer. I can only see positives in a merger between these two companies, as it will give consumers the opportunity to get all programming available on radio with a tiered structure that allows for more individualization of programming much like cable TV. While having only one provider of satellite radio will not allow for a perfectly competitive marketplace, the current duopoly that exists is really no different given the burgeoning number of substitutes these companies are being forced to compete with including internet radio providers, HD radio, and the mp3/ipod market. Consumers can easily use an mp3 player, listen to the growing options in local free radio, or pay for commercial free internet radio that can be played on a computer, cell phone, pda, etc. This merger will allow both companies to survive and preserve the programming they provide to consumers, while instantaneously giving consumers more choices. I think you would be hard pressed to find a Sirius subscriber like myself who would not support this merger. Thank you for your time and the opportunity to voice my opinion on this matter.

Sincerely,

Joseph E. Couto